Dr. A. G. Menon.—When I requested the Government to place that correspondence on the table, the answer given is "confidential". How can we know that the Government had an idea that the man who made the remark should put in an application for cancellation of that order? If the correspondence is published, we will be in a position to understand. But now we are kept in the dark "until further orders".

President.—You make observations on the answer given. We can furnish information which is within our knowledge and nothing more.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—In the letter communicated to Dr. A. R. Menon, it is not stated "until further orders." If it is stated so, he would have taken action. Then, why was that portion not communicated to him—I mean the whole order?

President.—We did not want to inform Dr. A. R. Menon that the circular is to have force until further orders.

Dr A. G. Menon.—Appendix II is the copy of the communication sent to Dr. A. R. Menon. Why was not "until further orders" inserted in that?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There was no necessity to insert that order.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If so, there is hardly any necessity for applying for the cancellation, Sir. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer makes certain remarks, and naturally some comments follow.

President.—He is making a general comment. Of course, in questions like these, we will not be legitimate in offering comments upon the answers or questions. What is wanted is simply information. With that, we have to stop. May be that the information is open to comment, and a lot of things might be made reasonable. That is not our concern at this stage.

140. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—

(1) the remarks of Dr. A R. Menon in the Visitors' book at Kuriarkutti;

(2) the communication of Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon at Kuriarkutti ordering him to expunge the remarks;

(3) the copy of the general circular to his subordinates ordering them not to show the Visitors' books to Dr. A. R. Menon;

(4) all the correspondence that has been passed between the Government and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in connection with the above incident?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) and (2). Copies are appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

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(3) It is a confidential paper.

(4) Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by complying with the request.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Of course, since the papers are said to be confidential, I have no supplementary question to ask.

141. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish:—

(a) copies of remarks written on 20th Thulam 1102 in the Visitors' book in the Kuriarkutti Dispensary;

(b) copy of the Memo C. No. 967/1102 of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in connection with Ref. 77/1102 of the Kuriarkutti Dispensary;

(c) copy of the Memo issued to Dr. A. R. Menon by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Kuriarkutti, in connection with the same matter;

(d) copy of the Proceedings of the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(e) a list of the Government Medical Institutions visited by the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer ever since he assumed charge of the office, and the dates of the various visits to each of the institutions, and the amount of T. A. drawn on each occasion;

(f) a list of the medical institutions not visited hitherto by him?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Vide answer to question No. 140 (1).

(b) Vide answer to question No. 140. (2).

(c) The Sub-Assistant Surgeon did not issue a Memo to Dr. A. R. Menon. A copy of his letter to Dr. A. R. Menon is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(d) Vide answer to question No. 140 (4).

(e) Vide statement appended .(*Vide Appendix III.*) Separation of T. A. in regard to visits to medical institutions and inspection of sanitary works being not feasible, T. A. for each month has been given.

(f) Kuriarkutti Dispensary.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Being a confidential matter, I am not going to ask supplementary questions.

142. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether Dr. A. R. Menon visited the Kuriarkutti Hospital or Dispensary;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether the visit was as a Member of this Council to is charge a public duty or whether it was as a private party;

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 140.)

I visited the hospital this morning. I had a look round the place. The supply of medicine seems to be satisfactory. There are no in-patients on the day that I visited. The Dispensary is kept well. The quantity of quinine supplied seems to be less than the quantity usually supplied. It is a disgrace that the Government should grudge expenditure even in the matter of purchase of quinine in a malarial place. On enquiry I found out that the Medical Officer in charge is carrying on experiment with Cinchona Febrifuge. This is not the place, nor the poor devils for whose benefit the Dispensary is established the proper subjects for experiment. The only other point I wish to bring to the notice of the authorities is the poor pay given to the Medical Officer in charge of this place. He is living in a malarial place and he has no private practice whatsoever. Therefore it would be proper to increase the pay or give a special allowance at least equal to the pay. The same remarks apply to all the other officers and servants of this institution. I also find that C. M. O. has not visited the place since 1922. While the C. M. O. visits unnecessarily certain hospitals he seems to think that it is not worth his while to visit this institution. No comments necessary.

5th November 1926.

(Sd.) A. R. MENON, M. L. C

Order R. O. C. No. 967/1102, dated 15th November 1926, to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Kuriarkutti.

The Sub-Assistant Surgeon is directed to expunge the remarks of Dr. A. R. Menon from the Visitors' Book, being unwarranted and impertinent.

2. Copy may be forwarded to the Visitor concerned.

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 141.)

C. No. 96/1102.

Kuriarkutti Dispensary,
Camp—Chalakkudi,
13—4—1102.

From

THE SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEON, KURIARKUTTI.

To

Dr. A. R. MENON, TRICHUR.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Memo from the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed)
Sub-Asst. Surgeon.

Enclosure.

(True copy of this Office Order Ref. on C. No. 967/1102, dated 15th December 1926, to the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Kuriarkutti.

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